

PEOPLE APPROVE PREMIER'S STAND

In Refusing to Modify the Military Man-Power Regulations. SENTIMENT OF THE WEST

OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. There is a feeling that there should be some method devised of meeting cases of extreme hardship.

So far as the House of Commons is concerned, the Unionist members, with a full knowledge of the military situation as revealed at the recent secret session of Parliament, are practically unanimous in the opinion that the Prime Minister took the only course possible under the circumstances.

PENITENTIARY CONVICT GETS ANOTHER TERM

For Shooting at Dejectives—John Roberts has Adventures and Romance. Toronto, May 15.—For shooting at Dejectives Stewart and Cronin, John Roberts, who was already serving a two years' sentence, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Winchester in the Session to six years in Portsmouth penitentiary.

CHIEF JUSTICE DENIES CHARGE

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick Replies to the Accusation of Dr. J. W. Edwards. Ottawa, May 15.—"I do not know that I have very much to say about the charge of Dr. Edwards, except that it is absolutely untrue," stated Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada yesterday.

LARGE RUSSIAN FORCES IN DON REGION

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Amsterdam, May 15.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin announces to-day that war has had to be proclaimed at Ekaterinoslav, Odessa and Poltava as a strong counter-current to the order of things was observed. There are several groups of great Russian forces in the Don region, the newspaper says.

WAGE CONTROVERSY

- 1—Oppose Premier's Stand: Must Hold Fighting Line; Drive Enemy Out; Lack of Men Halts German Advance. 2—To Request Government; Incidents of the Day. 3—Social News; Nation-Wide Action Plans. 4—Editorial; Rippling Rhymes. 5—Women More Independent; Local News. 6—Eastern Ontario News. 7—Announcements; The Forum. 8—Domestic News. 9—Easy to Feed Assembly; Market Reports. 10—Special News; The Women Who Changed. 11—News from the Front; The War. 12—In World of Sport; Misc and Gen.

THE FRENCH CAPTURE WOOD ON THE AVRE

German Counter-attack is Beaten Off With Severe Losses to the Enemy

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Paris, May 15.—French troops yesterday evening attacked German positions near Haillies, on the front below Amiens, and captured the wood on the west bank of the Avre river. It is announced officially, the Germans made a counter-attack and were beaten off with severe losses. During the night there was a violent bombardment north of Montdidier and between Montdidier and Noyon.

THE PEACE OFFER MADE BY AUSTRIA

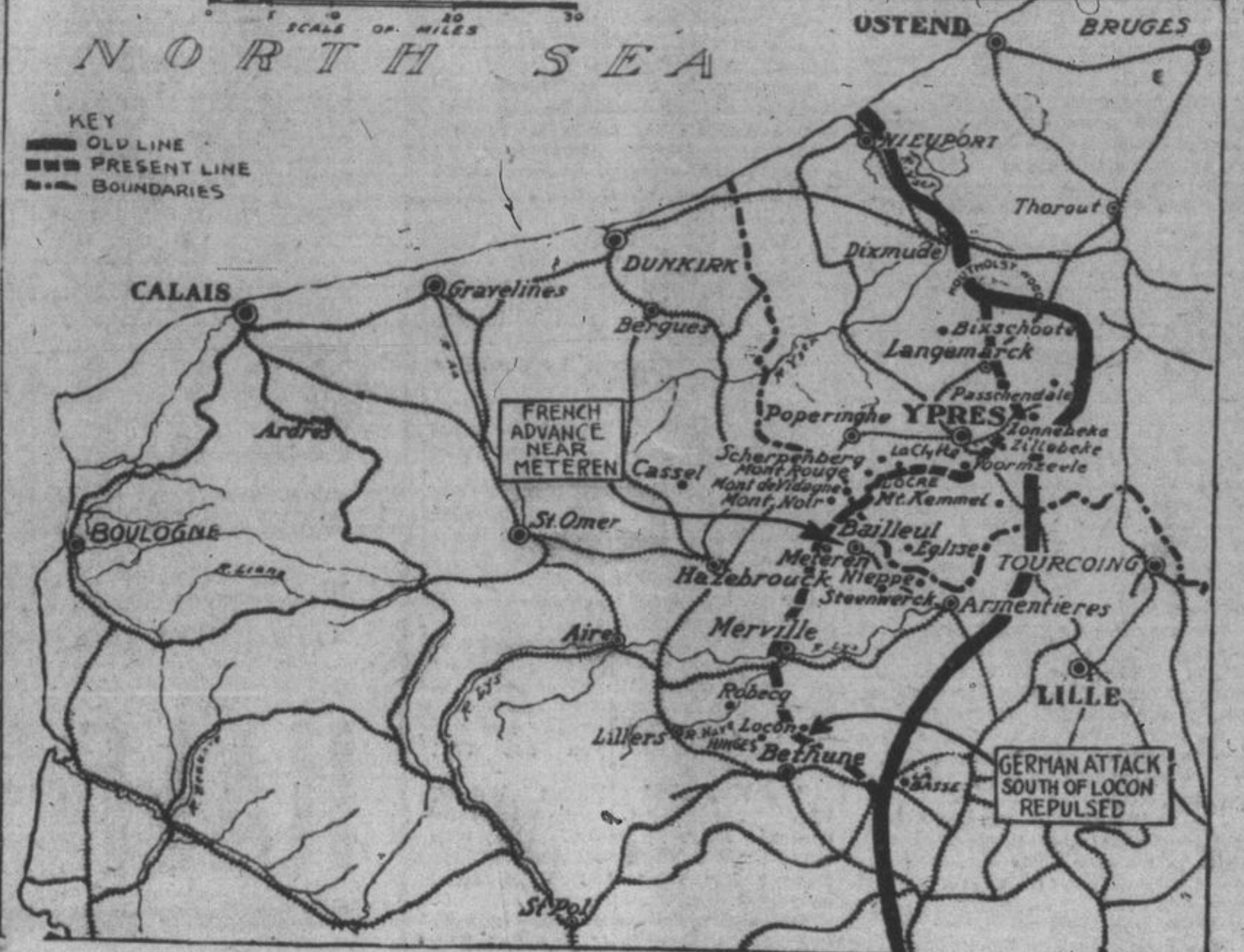
Will Come Under Review in the British House of Commons.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, May 15.—The Manchester Guardian says that the peace offer made to France last year by Austria, as revealed recently in letters written by Emperor Charles to Prince Sixtus, will form the subject of a debate of the highest importance in the House of Commons to-morrow.

MUST BE FOUGHT OUT

London, May 15.—The Government is not opposed to peace, but it is to talk about it until the great trial of strength has been fought out on the battlefield," Austen Chamberlain, member of the War Cabinet, declared yesterday at a meeting of the Women's Unionist Tariff Reform Association.

GERMAN ATTACK UNDER COVER OF A HEAVY ARTILLERY BARRAGE FAILS



German troops under cover of a heavy artillery barrage attacked the British positions south of Locon. The statement issued by the War-Office says the attack was completely repulsed.

WE MUST HOLD FIGHTING LINE

Premier Bowen Makes This Statement to the Farmers' Deputations. MOST IMPERATIVE DUTY

TO SEE THAT THE LINE IS NOT BROKEN UP. "Talking of Pledges, Is There None With the Men at the Front?" Asked the Premier.

DRIVE GERMANS OUT OF ROSTOV ON DON

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Moscow, May 15.—Rostov, on Don, the largest city in Don Cossack territory, was recaptured last week by the Russian Soviet troops, who drove out the Germans. The Germans, who had held Rostov for only a day, are retreating.

WILL PUT IRELAND ON WAR FOOTING

Lord French Exercising in Practice the Theoretical Powers of Viceroy.

London, May 15.—"Field Marshal Lord French is now in supreme control in Ireland," the Dublin correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs, "exercising in practice those powers which have always been possessed by a viceroy in theory."

MESSAGE OF CANADA'S SONS TO THEIR MOTHERS AT HOME

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Canadian Army Headquarters in France, May 15.—"It is really you, our mothers, and our homes, for you we are fighting. When the gift of freedom is ours, then we will come home and lay it reverently at your feet, for it will be hallowed by the blood of our comrades. Pray for us that this high and holy vision may never fade from our minds and that we may have courage and patience to finish our task. What a glorious homecoming then there will be."

THE AUSTRALIANS DROVE ENEMY OUT

After They Had Penetrated British Positions Near Morlan-court. PRISONERS WERE TAKEN

GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE WAS HEAVY WEDNESDAY MORNING. Raids of Enemy Were Repulsed and Raids of British Were Successful—German Fire Has Been Very Fierce For Some Time and is Increasing in Volume.

NEW MINE FIELD TO FOIL SUBS

British Admiralty Regulation Restricts Navigation in North Part North Sea.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, May 15.—The British Admiralty restriction on navigation in the northern part of the North Sea, in consequence of the laying of a great mine field for the purpose of foiling submarines, became operative to-day, and hereafter all shipping in that area must comply with stringent regulations or ignore them at their own peril.

2,000 PEOPLE DIE DAILY IN VIENNA

Famine Conditions Are Almost Insupportable and Press Very Pessimistic.

London, May 15.—A dispatch to the Times from Milan says that two Italian nurses who were made prisoner by the Austrians in a hospital near Gradiska while the October retreat was in progress, have been permitted to return to Italy. They say that present conditions in Vienna are almost insupportable. Deaths from exhaustion continually occur in the streets, and a physician told them that 2,000 persons were buried daily in the principal cemeteries.

WHAT ALLIES OWE U.S.

Latest Credits Bring Total Up to \$5,763,800,000. Washington, May 14.—This Government yesterday authorized additional credits of \$200,000,000 to Great Britain, \$100,000,000 to France and \$100,000,000 to Italy. The new credit makes the debt of Great Britain to the United States \$2,955,000,000; France's debt \$1,955,000,000, and Italy's \$450,000,000, and brings the total debt of foreign countries to the United States to \$5,763,800,000.

WANT THEIR FAMILIES SENT BACK TO CANADA

Military Authorities Urge Soldiers to Send Wives and Children Home.

London, May 15.—The Canadian military authorities on this side of the Atlantic are still urging the return to Canada of the wives and families of soldiers in the overseas force, and apparently the response to the advice is not so quick as the official mind desires. It is pointed out to the men and their wives that it may not be possible to accommodate the dependents of soldiers returning to Canada in the same ship as their military relatives during the period of the war.

ITALIAN PRISONERS BRUTALLY ABUSED

Allege Austrians Guilty of Most Wanton Inhumanity—Many Starve to Death

Washington, May 15.—Italian prisoners in Austria are subjected to horrible outrages, a dispatch to the Italian Embassy from Rome, says: "Never in the history of the civilized world have such outrages been registered," it says. "The whole thing seems to be a systematic effort on the part of Austria to destroy the manhood of Italy. Austria is endeavoring in every possible way to surpass in cruelty and ferocity all of her accomplices."

GERMANS HALTS

LACK OF MEN HALTS GERMANS. Delay in Resuming Offensive Due to Need of Massing Large Forces.

Paris, May 15.—The continued delay in the resumption of the German offensive is giving rise to much speculation here as to what possible reason can be influencing the enemy. French opinion is now inclining strongly to the belief that the Germans have begun definitely to recognize that the growing strength of the allies, through the recent arrival in France of substantial British reinforcements, together with the now respectable number of American troops in the line, will necessitate the massing of much larger forces if the coming blow is to be anything like effective.

SEEK AID FROM AUSTRIA

ALTHOUGH THE LATTER IS IN FAR WORSE FLIGHT. The Allies' Airplane Work Prevents the Enemy Completing His Plans For Drive—Mutinies in Hun Divisions.

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SELECTED MONARCHS FOR CAPTURED LAND

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, May 15.—The Austrian and German emperors, at their meeting at the German great headquarters, the German newspapers say, selected monarchs for Lithuania, Courland, Esthonia and Poland.